

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities. The changes made to the specification are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

Further, by the present preliminary amendment the claims are amended without prejudice to no longer recite any references to "steps" performed. Further, claim 6 is amended without prejudice to no longer recite any multiple dependencies, and the subject matter of the canceled multiple dependency is set forth in new dependent claim 7. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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